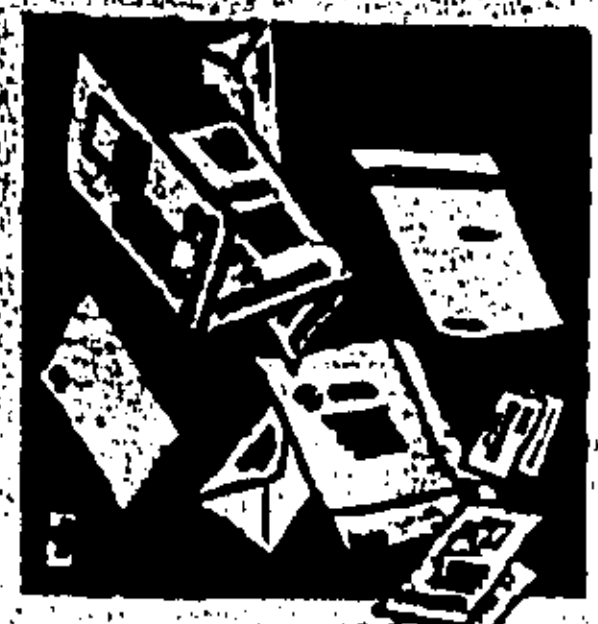




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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT ACTION QUESTIONED IN COMMONS

ICE HOUSE STREET NOW QUIET AGAIN

Mahjongg Figures Being Used.

FREE QUOTATION HAS LITTLE EFFECT

Excitement Over.

Less excitement was noticeable on the Ice House Street Gold Bar market this morning, and, although advance prices were still being exhibited in the small window occupied by Mr. F. S. Chan and his colleagues, the majority of watchers in the Street were Chinese, and the local stock and share brokers seemed to have returned to their normal business.

A touch of variety has been added to the method adopted by the advance gold quotation experts by announcing the latest prices in mah-jongg figures instead of by "Typhoon Signals" and ordinary numbers, as was the case yesterday.

NO ANXIETY

Questioned this morning, the management of the South China Gold Bar Company, who occupy premises just below the free quotation office, stated that as far as they were concerned, the quotation of advance gold prices had not affected their business to any extent; and that, from their point of view, there had been no cause for anxiety.

The management of the China Gold Exchange, declined to make any statement with regard to the business, and the general opinion of "the man in Ice House Street" seems to be that the excitement is over.

(Continued on Page 7)

ADMINISTRATION DEFEATED

Presidential Veto Over-riden.

SENATE VOTE PROBLEMATIC

Washington, To-day.

The biggest vote against the Administration, up to the present, occurred on the Independent Offices Appropriation's Bill, which President Roosevelt vetoed on the ground that it contained increased allowances to war veterans and Government employees, greatly exceeding the Budget estimate.

The House of Representatives voted 310 to 72 to over-ride the Presidential veto.

The voting in the Senate, to-day, is problematical. — Reuter.

(Continued on Page 12).

HEAVY COST OF VIENNA RIOTS.

60,000,000 Schillings Estimated.

Vienna, To-day.

It has been announced that the Socialist revolt last month cost 60,000,000 schillings, including the cost of auxiliary forces. — Reuter.

SENATE DEBATE ADJOURNED

SPECIAL TO CHINA MAIL

(By Telegraph, Copyright, Telegraphic Messages Ordinance, 1894. Received March 27, 5:09 a.m.)
Washington, To-day.
The Senate later adjourned, today, the Bankhead Bill for future consideration. — United Press, per S.C. Gold Bar Co.



The latest portrait of Her Majesty Queen Mary, taken last month. — (S. & G.).

CZECHO-SLOVAKIA SPY CASE

300 Arrests Made In Prague.

NAZI AND SOVIET INFLUENCE

Prague, To-day.

The greatest spy case in the history of Czecho-Slovakia has been revealed by the newspaper, "Narodny List," which alleges that about 300 people have been arrested in connection with the affair, including a number of employees of the Skoda Armsworks, at Pilsen and a number at other factories.

It is alleged that the espionage was conducted by two groups, a Nazi group for Germany and a Communist group for the Soviet. — Reuter.

STOCK EXCHANGE SEATS CHEAPER.

Considerable Decrease Since Monday.

New York, To-day.

Seats on the New York Stock Exchange were sold yesterday for considerably lower prices, three fetching U.S.\$100,000, U.S.\$85,000, and U.S.\$83,000 respectively, as compared with U.S.\$112,000,000 for one sold on Monday. — Reuter.

STOCK EXCHANGE PETITION.

Fletcher-Rayburn Bill Injuring Investors.

SPECIAL TO CHINA MAIL

Washington, To-day.

The Stock Exchange Floor Traders Committee has petitioned to the Congressional Committees, which are considering the Fletcher-Rayburn Stock Exchange Regulation Bill, charging that the measure has substantially injured the investing public. — United Press, per S.C. Gold Bar Co.

U.S. AIR MAIL CONTRACTS

President's Instructions On Eve Of Holiday.

P. O. TO ACCEPT BIDS

Washington, To-day.

On the eve of his departure for a 19-day fishing holiday at Florida, President Roosevelt has instructed the Post Office officials to arrange for the acceptance of bids from private companies, with a view to securing a better price for the transportation of mail to such concerns as seen fit possible. — Reuter.

U.S. TRADE DIFFICULTIES IN ORIENT

Dies Bill May Remove Handicap.

REMONETISATION PROVIDED

SPECIAL TO CHINA MAIL

(By Telegraph, Copyright, Telegraphic Messages Ordinance, 1894. Received March 28, 9:08 a.m.)
Washington, To-day.

Representative Martin Dies yesterday urged the Senate Agriculture Committee and the Subcommittee to make a favourable report on the Dies Bill. He said that the Bill actually provided remonetisation.

He emphasised that the Bill, by raising the price of silver also would raise the cost of Japanese and British manufactured goods in the Orient, thereby removing part of the handicap that American manufacturers suffer in that market.

"If we remonetise silver, we will capture the world's markets in a year. Give American cotton producers an advantage over Indian and Egyptian cotton," Representative Dies declared. — United Press, per S.C. Gold Bar Co.

BANKHEAD BILL ATTACKED.

Not Acceptable To Southern States.

SENATOR BORAH'S VIEW

SPECIAL TO CHINA MAIL

(By Telegraph, Copyright, Telegraphic Messages Ordinance, 1894. Received March 27, 5:10 p.m.)
Washington, To-day.

During the Senate debate on the Bankhead Cotton Bill, yesterday, Senator Borah charged that the Bill was unconstitutional and said that the Southern States would never accept it.

He said that the Bill proposed a regulation of the industry's output.

Favouring the Bill, Senator Smith, of South Carolina, called attention to the fact that 85 per cent. of the cotton growers favoured it. — United Press, per S.C. Gold Bar Co.

TWO AMENDMENTS APPROVED.

Minimum Tax Raised To Eight Cents.

SPECIAL TO CHINA MAIL

(By Telegraph, Copyright, Telegraphic Messages Ordinance, 1894. Received March 28, 8:20 a.m.)
Washington, To-day.

The Senate has approved Senator Bankhead's amendment to include taxation on excess cotton of 50 to 75 per cent. of the market value, and has also agreed to an amendment increasing the minimum tax from five cents to eight cents per lb. — United Press, per S.C. Gold Bar Co.

U.S. PAY ROLL INCREASE.

Highest Figures Since Summer Of 1931.

SPECIAL TO CHINA MAIL

(By Telegraph, Copyright, Telegraphic Messages Ordinance, 1894. Received March 27, 5:10 p.m.)
Washington, To-day.

The Federal Reserve has reported that factory employment has fallen for the first time since 1924, with the highest 10 per cent. seasonal level since the summer of 1931. — United Press, per S.C. Gold Bar Co.

GERMANY'S ABANDONMENT OF GOLD STANDARD CERTAIN

International Bankers' Views In London Newspaper

SPECIAL TO CHINA MAIL

(By Telegraph, Copyright, Telegraphic Messages Ordinance, 1894. Received March 27, 1:50 p.m.)
London, To-day.

The financial editor of the London Daily Herald states that well-informed international bankers regard Germany's early abandonment of the gold standard as certain. — United Press, per S.C. Gold Bar Co.

"BRAIN TRUST" CHARGES

Claimed "Too Silly" For Investigation.

PROF. WIRT THREATENED WITH DEATH

Washington, To-day.

A Communist and Nazi "Alice in Wonderland" is among the origins to which United States Congressmen attribute the charges of Professor W. A. Wirt, the leading American educationist, that he has been informed by members of President Roosevelt's "Brain Trust" that they are aiming to overthrow the existing social order, and replace it with Communism, using the President in the role of a Keresky.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives, Mr. Rainey, has decided that the charges are too silly for investigation by the Department of Justice, and the resolution, demanding a Congressional investigation, has been referred to the House Rules Committee, which will decide in action to-day.

Meanwhile, Prof. Wirt has received a letter threatening him with death. — Reuter.

HIGHER WAGES IN AMERICA.

Increases Announced In Steel Industry.

SPECIAL TO CHINA MAIL

(By Telegraph, Copyright, Telegraphic Messages Ordinance, 1894. Received March 28, 11:57 a.m.)
Pittsburgh, To-day.

Mr. Jones, of the Laughlin Steel Company, has announced a 10 per cent. wage increase, effective from April 1, affecting 17,000 workmen. The National Steel Company has announced a 10 per cent. increase, affecting 18,000 workers. — United Press, per S.C. Gold Bar Co.

WEATHER FORECAST

Cloudy, with rain later, and moderate east and north-east winds, freshening, is the weather forecast issued by the Royal Observatory to-day.

British Budget Surplus Contained In Treasury Statement

London, To-day.

The financial year ends on Saturday next, and the latest weekly Treasury statement shows receipts up to Saturday, March 24. At that date there was a surplus of £1,100,000 over expenditure, and £1,100,000 after allowing for the payment of interest on the war debt. The United States Government and the United States Treasury are expected to make a new loan.



Cab Calloway the "Scat Singer," and his Cotton Club Orchestra arrive in England.

Cab Calloway is the greatest American success of recent years. "Scat Singing" consists of syncopated, but meaningless jargon, jungle sounds, grunts and shrieks.

Cab Calloway (in front, second from right) with other members of the band on their arrival at Waterloo from America.

INCREASING DEATH ROLL AT HAKODATE

Expected To Exceed 2,000 Mark.

ESTIMATED LOSS GIVEN AT ¥150,000,000

Hakodate, To-day.

As the search among ruins of the gutted city continues, the number of victims discovered is increasing daily.

The death roll is expected to exceed 2,000.

Already, 1,878 are known to be dead.

The estimated loss is Yen 150,000,000. — Reuter.

The fire which broke out as the result of the embers from a grate being blown into the room of a house by the wind, last Wednesday night, destroyed 23,000 houses and all the important buildings of the city. A 70 m.p.h. gale fanned the flames.

U.S. NAVY BILL SIGNED.

Roosevelt's Hopes For 1935 Conference.

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(By Telegraph, Copyright, Telegraphic Messages Ordinance, 1894. Received March 28, 8:20 a.m.)
Washington, To-day.

President Roosevelt has signed the Vinson-Trammell Navy Bill.

It is my personal hope that the 1935 Naval Conference will extend all existing limitations and agree to further reductions," he declared in a subsequent statement.

The President said that on account of some public misapprehension over the Vinson Bill he wanted to emphasize that "this was not a law for the construction of

FRENCH AMBASSADOR AT HOUSE OF COMMONS

French Disarmament Note Is Discussed

London, To-day.

The French Ambassador, M. Corbin, was received by Sir John Simon at the House of Commons last evening. It is understood that various points connected with the recent French note on disarmament were discussed. — British Wireless Service.

FRENCH CIVIL SERVICE

80,000 To Be Retired And Not Replaced.

"PLURALISM" SYSTEM TO BE ABOLISHED

Attempt To Balance Budget.

Paris, To-day.

Eighty thousand French civil servants will be retired and not be replaced by a decree which will be issued in a few days, according to reliable reports.

Simultaneously "pluralism," the system whereby one official occupies several posts, will be abolished.

There will be a considerable reduction in State salaries. It is estimated that 2,500,000,000 francs will thus be saved towards the 4,000,000,000 francs needed to balance the Budget. — Reuter.

U.S. MINISTER TO DUBLIN.

Duplicate Credentials Carried.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT

Washington, To-day.

The American State Department has announced that the United States Minister to the Irish Free State, Mr. McDowell, is expected to present his credentials to the Governor-General in the customary manner.

JAPANESE CEMENT

BRITISH PREFERENCE DEMANDED

LITTLE USED IN 42 JOBS.

INQUIRY PROMISED

London, To-day.

In the House of Commons, yesterday, the Conservative member for Stockport, Mr. S. S. Hammersley, inquired why, despite His Excellency the Governor of Hong Kong's Assurance that as much British cement should be used for public works, out of 42 jobs, the Government had specified Japanese cement in 30 cases, locally manufactured cement in nine cases, and mixed cement in two cases.

The Secretary of State for the Colonies, Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister, replied that it was a universal practice in all Colonial Governments, to give preference to British goods when possible.

He was unaware of the circumstances to which Mr. Hammersley referred, but promised to inquire. — Reuter.

U.S. RAIL DISPUTE DEADLOCK

Roosevelt Intervention Now Sought.

STRIKE "IMPROBABLE"

SPECIAL TO CHINA MAIL

(By Telegraph, Copyright, Telegraphic Messages Ordinance, 1894. Received March 27, 11:57 a.m.)
Washington, To-day.

President Roosevelt is hopeful that the railway trouble will be settled before he departs to-night for his fishing trip at Florida.

He has announced that he is appointing an automobile arbitrator board to-day.

Hopefully deadlocked, the railroad union leaders have decided to ask President Roosevelt to intervene in the wage dispute.



The WOMAN'S Page



Black Unlined Coat

Adds Style To White Summer Frocks

Good dressers are remaining faithful to the black-and-white scheme. There is always a fresh, crisp look about the black coat and skirt with white shirt for mornings.

The ensemble, with all the lovely choice of new crepes and foulards in the black-and-white range, also makes the ideal frock-and-white range, also makes the ideal frock for all sorts of smarter functions, with the long slim black wool coat that is often left unlined.

This coat will do good service, for it adds style to the all-white summery frock, and can be worn over gay colours like marine-blue, red or green. A black unlined wool coat is a good possession in every wardrobe.

SWATHED COLLAR STYLE.

Furless Necks Ahe Ultra-Smart.

The eighteenth-century storm collar is high and floppy, and many of the new cape-collars suggest this influence. Collars are never too easy on big wraps once we depart from fur. But, except for evening, the fur collar is not so smart this spring as the furless neck.

Contrasting-coloured velvet is good for cloth or silk, while many tailored styles show a scarf-collar of plain cloth, or two-coloured cloths, cleverly worked together.

A back Zibeline three-piece has a swathed collar of apricot, putty, and blackcloth, and a spring ensemble of putty cloth is finished with a folded cloth scarf of pale green and dark brown. Such treatment gives interests to the new collars, especially for capes and long "swagger" coats.

COIFFURE STYLES INTERESTING

Neat Without Being Severe

Coiffure styles are particularly interesting at the moment, for they are neat without being severe, and charmingly natural looking though not storm-tossed. In fact, they are very becoming, and manage to convey an appearance of femininity without sacrificing the smart modern line that is so satisfying.

PINAFORE FRONT PULLOVER

Home knitters will no doubt seize with enthusiasm on the latest idea in pullovers. This is the pinafore front, which, besides being smart, is so practical, affording warmth and protection where required without bulk.

It is worn over this blouse, comes high into the neck in front as fashion now dictates, and slants off under the arms to the waist at the back.

New Spring Tone



Lavender blue, a pale azure tone, is the shade of this metallic-flecked evening gown for the new Spring season. It features a high ruffled neckline, shirred ruffled cape at back and shirred train. It is modeled here by Elizabeth Allan, film actress.

"TAG END" DRESS IN SPRING MODES

Ensemble Good From Dusk To Dawn

Paris.

He says, "You can't escape it. Certain things are inevitable." Who is he, and what's it all about? It's HEIM and it's about the new spring clothes. He goes on to say:

"The Spring of 1934 will see a definite change in afternoon dresses which will be divided into two distinct classes: first, the practical dress or ensemble suitable for town wear, shopping, informal luncheons; second, the dress or ensemble which must do duty from cocktail hour to bed time.

"This second type of costume, for the end of the day—the 'Tag End' dress, although answering a definite need, has not yet become firmly established as a distinct type in spite of the efforts of the dressmakers modelists. The reason for this is that such a costume cannot be developed without some experiment. Its object is to supply a need in a modern life in which customs and habits themselves have undergone great changes, and so the 'Tag End' dress will continue to undergo changes until a fitting ensemble has been evolved. It is a development which borrows from both the afternoon costume and the evening gown, and is one worth watching."

A "word to the wise" and you know the rest. Take this little tip and keep an eye out for the full flowering of the Tag End dress that will most surely be a Heaven sent answer to the prayer of the limited wardrobe.

Menu Suggestions For To-morrow

TIFFIN

Braised Ox Tails with Cauliflower
Hot Mutton Pie
Buttered Green Peas
Sweet Potato Pudding

DINNER

Consomme Ramboulet
Filets de Sole en Aspic
Roast Wild Turkey
Cranberry Sauce
Red Cabbage with Bacon
Potato Croquettes
Hot Orange Mousse
Sweet Mouselline Sauce
Sweet Potato Pudding

1 lb. parboiled sweet potatoes, ½ cup of butter, ¼ cup of white sugar, 1 tablespoonful of cinnamon, 4 egg whites and yolks beaten separately, 1 teaspoonful of nutmeg, 1 lemon, juice and grated rind, 1 glass of brandy. Let the potatoes get entirely cold and grate them. Cream the butter and sugar, add the yolks, spice and lemon. Beat the potato in by degrees, to a light paste, then the brandy, lastly the whites. Bake in a buttered dish, and eat cold.

Consomme Ramboulet

3 pints consomme, ½ lb. chicken forcemeat, 1 gill cooked green peas, 2 yolks of eggs and seasoning. Mix the chicken forcemeat with yolks of eggs, season with nutmeg and a pinch of aromatic spice, and a little salt, if found necessary. Spread this in a well-buttered tin, cover with a buttered paper, and poach in the oven for about 15 minutes. When cool cut or stamp out some small rounds by means of a column cutter. Put these and the peas, previously heated and drained, in a soup tureen, pour over the hot consomme and serve.

Filets de Sole en Aspic

2 soles, 1 lobster, 1½ oz. butter, 1 oz. flour, ½ gill cream, ½ gill stock, chopped parsley, 1 quart aspic jelly and lemon-juice, 1 hard boiled egg. Skin the soles and remove the filets, chop the lobster meat finely. Melt the butter stir in the flour, when cooked add the lobster, moisten with cream and stock, season with salt, pepper, a pinch of cayenne, a few drops of lemon juice, and a teaspoonful of chopped parsley, mix thoroughly, and put on a plate to cool. Spread one side of the filets with this mixture, roll up, tie with string, place on a buttered paper, bake in a moderate oven for about 10 minutes. Line a plain border mould with aspic jelly, decorate with fan-fully cut slices of egg, pour over another layer of aspic, set the filets when cold, fill up with aspic, serve when set.

Red Cabbage with Bacon

1 red cabbage, 2 small onion stuck with 2 cloves, 4 small apples peeled and cored, 4 slices streaky bacon, 2 oz. butter, 1 glass claret, 1 dessertspoonful flour, 1 pint stock and seasoning. Trim and wash the cabbage, cut into fine shreds, the same as is done for pickling, cut the apples into slices, cut the bacon into small pieces. Melt the butter in a stewpan, put in the bacon and fry a little, then add the cabbage, apples, and onions, stir well sprinkle in a dessertspoonful of flour, moisten with the claret and stock. Cook for an hour on the stove, then season with salt and pepper, cover, and place it in a hot oven for another hour. When ready for serving take out the onions. This dish can be served with any kind of roast or braised meat, poultry or game.



Hot Orange Mousse

4 oz. Taku sugar, 6 eggs, 4 oz. butter, 1 oz. flour, 1 orange, ½ lemon and Mouselline sauce. Work the butter and sugar well until thick and creamy, stir in gradually the yolks of the eggs, the juice of the orange, and that of the half lemon. Whisk over a steppan of boiling water until it begins to thicken. Stir in the flour and the whites of eggs, beaten to a stiff froth, turn into a Charlotte mould well buttered and dredged with flour, cover with a buttered paper. Place in a saute pan three parts full of hot water, and steam in the oven for a good ½ hour. Turn out on a hot dish, sauce over with Mouselline sauce and serve quickly.

Sweet Mouselline Sauce

8 yolks of eggs, 2 whites of eggs, 1 wineglassful Maraschino. Put all the above ingredients into a small steppan, beat it with a whisk, stand the pan in a double-boiler containing three parts full of boiling water. Stir until it becomes creamy, but do not allow it to boil.

The Magnet Bag

The woman who possesses one of the new magnet handbags need never feel uneasy about the safety of the inner pockets. There is no fear of losing the contents, for when the flap touches the lower part the magnetic metal on both is attracted and only a jerk will release them.

This practical bag, particularly if in calfskin or peccary, looks smart with the new tailormade.

Blue Fur Craze

Fox, Moleskin And Persian Lamb

Frocks have been specially designed by Heim to carry on from now until the end of May through details in the form of fur capelets designed to go with them. These split flat yokes and slip-into armholes in silver and a new shade of horizon blue fox.

Moleskin is dyed dark blue as well as Persian lamb for jackets to wear with a longer type of afternoon frock, worn under longer coats lavishly trimmed with fur. One coat in white over a brown and white mushroom printed Chinese model has revers of blue fox shooting forward immediately beneath the chin. Others show the fur disposed round full elbow lines that displace the shoulder trimmings of last season.

One of the season's blue shades is sapphire. It is Patou's colour, and other makers of fashion are attracted by the sapphire hue.

Jodelle luncher sapphire blues in a dark and light shade for a perfect ensemble of coat and frock. Germanium reds from reds from light to dark tones are also used by this designer.

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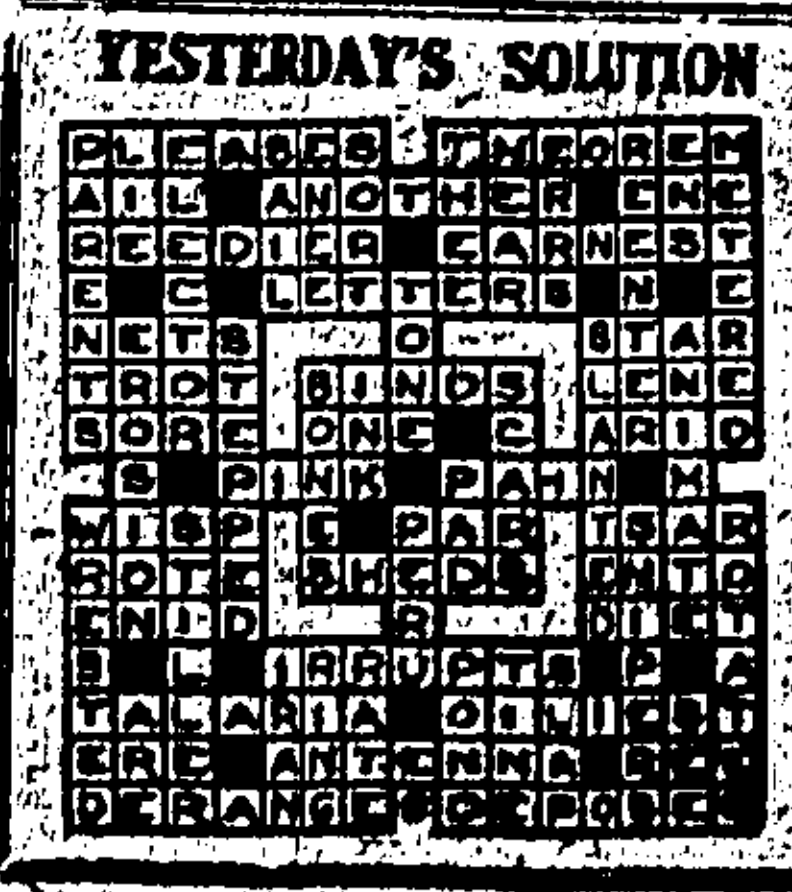
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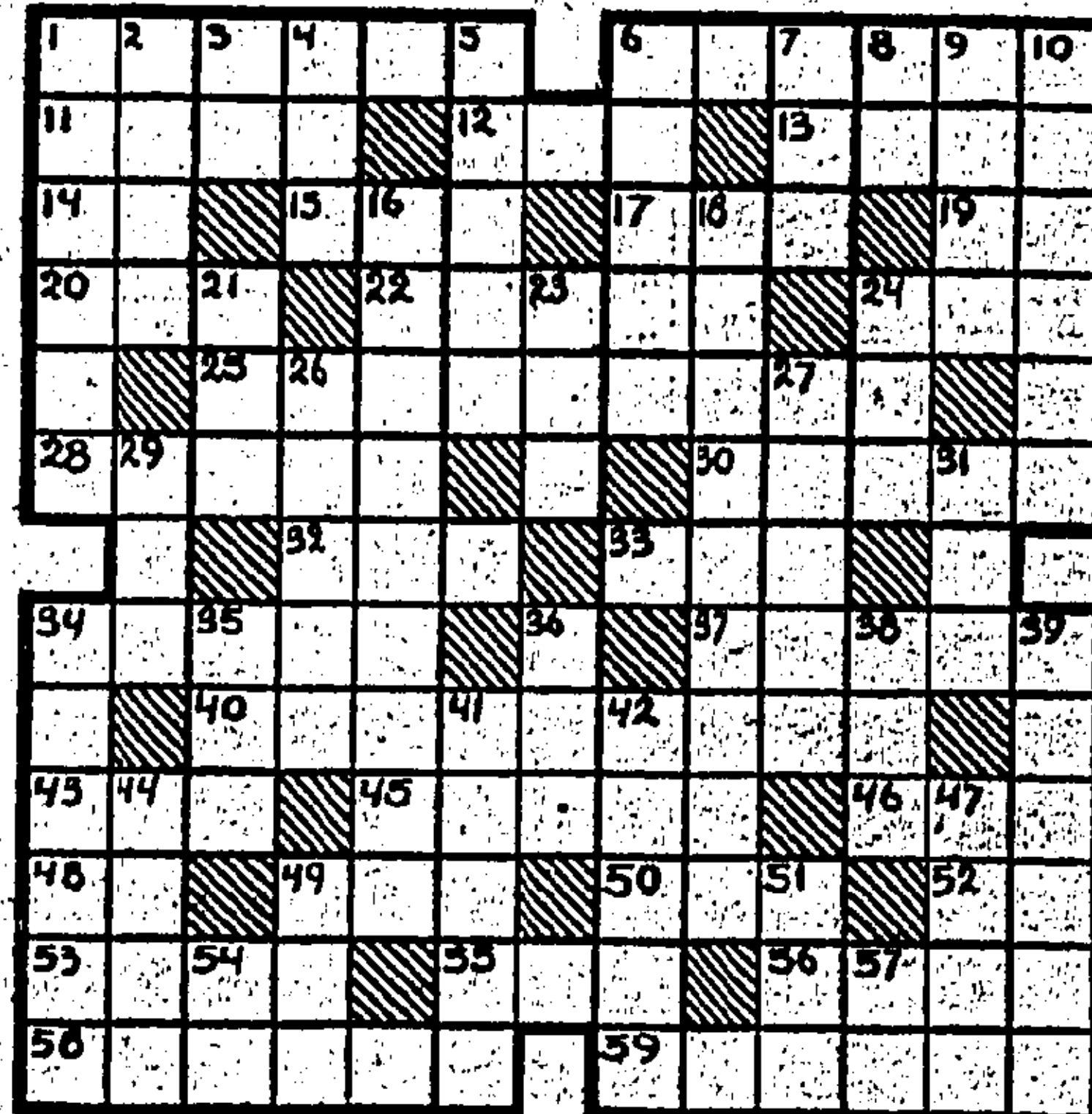
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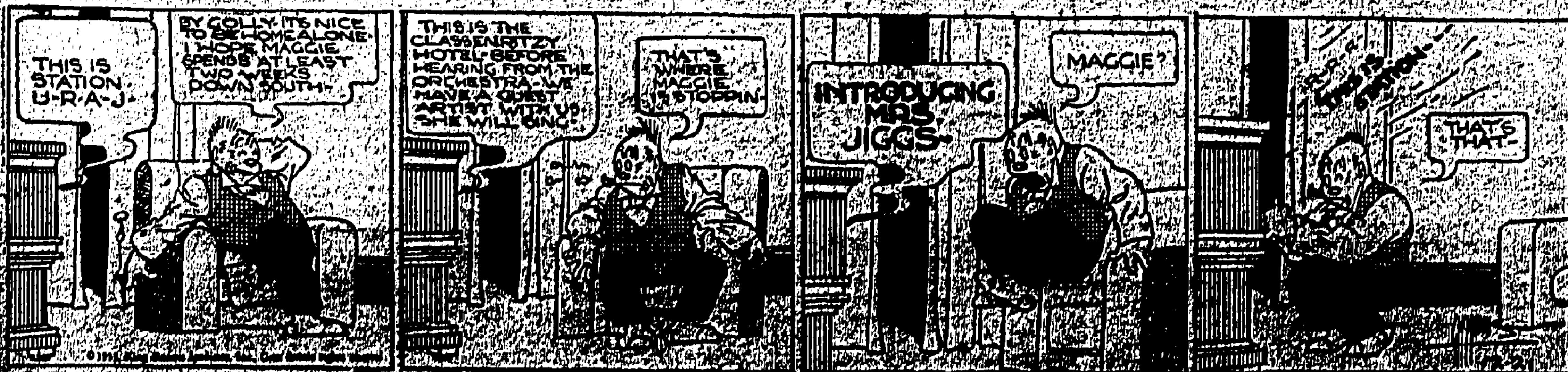
This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spelling, such as harbor, plow, and altho.



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| HORIZONTAL | HORIZONTAL (Cont.) | VERTICAL (Cont.) |
| 1-Shore | 48-A military officer (abbr.) | 8-Rend |
| 6-Respiration | 49-Man's name (abbr.) | 13-An English postbox |
| 11-Seal covering (pl.) | 50-A rodent | 16-Amuses |
| 12-Raw metal | 52-Prepares | 18-A drug |
| 18-Eneis (Fr.) | 53-Mingle (Obs.) | 21-Nocturnal mammal |
| 14-Into | 55-The universal light | 22-Conjunction |
| 15-Kindred | 56-Traversed in a vehicle | 24-Copied |
| 17-Swile River | 57-Travelled in a vehicle | 25-Currency |
| 19-Exit | 58-To bind, as in bandage | 27-An American composer |
| 20-Young society girl (abbr.) | 59-That which shines | 28-Epoch |
| 22-Approaches | | 31-June-bug |
| 24-A constellation | | 34-Kingdom |
| 26-Helper | | 35-Orbit |
| 28-To us again | | 36-Before |
| 30-Olive food | | 38-Islands |
| 32-Doctor (abbr.) | | 39-A relative |
| 33-Revenue (abbr.) | | 41-Rub out |
| 34-English novelist, pen name "Quix" | | 42-A gull-like bird (pl.) |
| 37-Flows | | 44-Bolt slowly |
| 40-Affirming | | 47-Military assistant |
| 43-Serpent | | 48-High (Mus.) |
| 45-Cornered | | 51-Preux, Thrice |
| 46-A fuel | | 54-Musical note |
| | | 57-Upon |

The solution of the above with a new cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue.

Bringing Up Father.



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Hong Kong, 26th March, 1934.

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SPORT NOTICES.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE SECOND EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (Weather Permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 31st March, and on MONDAY, 2nd April, 1934, commencing at 12.30 p.m. on both days. The First Race will be run at 12 O'clock Noon.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Members are notified that they and their Ladies must wear their Badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.
No One without a Badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5.00 per day for Gentlemen and \$3.00 per day for Ladies (Both including Tax) are obtainable through application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for Payment of All Chits, &c.
The Secretary's office, 3rd Floor, Gloucester Building, (Tel. 27794), will close at 11.30 a.m. on both days. Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the Race Course.
On No Pretext will Children be permitted in either Enclosure during the Meeting.
Tickets are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered from the No. 1 Box in advance. Telephone 21820.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

The Price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$2.00 per day including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.
Tickets will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure. Bookmakers, Tio Tiao Men, &c., will not be permitted to operate within the Precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.
By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary,
Hong Kong, 26th March, 1934.

COMPANY MEETINGS

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

THE FIFTY-THIRD ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held at the Office of the General Managers, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, 11th April, 1934, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, passing the Accounts, and electing Directors and Auditors.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 4th April to 10th April, 1934, both days inclusive.
By Order of the Board,
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.
General Managers,
Hong Kong, 26th March, 1934.

RADIO

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME

The following programme will be broadcasted to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wave length of 855 metres (845 K.C.s):—
1-2.15 p.m.—European Programme.
1 p.m.—Local Time & Weather Report.
1.05 p.m.—Recorded Music.
1.15 p.m.—A relay of the Hong Kong Hotel Orchestra from the Hong Kong Hotel Grill Room. By courtesy of the Management.
1.30 p.m.—Rugby Press News, etc.
2.15 p.m.—Close Down.
2.30 p.m.—Recital from the Studio. By the Cheero Band.
4.30-7.30 p.m.—Chinese Programme.
6-6.15 p.m.—Children's Studio Concert.
7.30-10.20 p.m.—European Programme.
7.30-8 p.m.—Variety.
8 p.m.—Maurice Chevalier Songs—Medley Van Phillips & His Band.
Song—
Zigeuner ("Bitter Sweet")
Peggy Wood (Soprano)
If Love Were All ("Bitter Sweet")
Ivy St. Helier (Soprano).
Organ Solo—
Rhapsody in Blue
Quentin MacLean.
Song—
Lover Comes Back to me
Wanting You
Lawrence Tibbett (Baritone)
8 p.m.—Local Time and Weather Report.
8.03-8.33 p.m.—From the Studio.
A Pianoforte Recital by Mr. Harry Ore.
Programme.
1. 32 Variations (Beethoven)
(a) Intermezzo (Brahms)
(b) Asphodel (Cyril Scott)
(c) Menuet (Harry Ore)
2. Sixth Hungarian Rhapsody (Liszt)
3. 8.33-9 p.m.—Chamber Music.
Orientals (Glazounov)
Gavotte ("Mignon")
(Thomas)
Virtuoso String Quartet.
Tombourin (Goussier & Sharpe)
Molly on the Shore (Granger)
A Virtuoso String Quartet.
Barcarolle—Transcription
(Tchaikowsky, Trans. by Leo Weiner)
Lerner String Quartet.
Minuet—Transcription
(From Sonata in G)
(Schubert, Op. 18)
Moment Musical No. 3—Transcription
(Schubert)
Lerner String Quartet.
9-9.30 p.m.—Orchestral.
Wood Nymphs (Eric Coates)
New Queen's Hall Light Orch.
Sylvia Ballet (Delibes)
British Symphony Orchestra conducted by Oscar Fried.
Traume (Wagner)
Autumn (Chaminade)
De Groot and his Orchestra.
9.30-10.30 p.m.—From the Studio.
Selections by The Cheero Band.
Programme.
1. Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Wolf?
2. After You.
3. Oh! Mister Carpenter.
4. The Last Round Up.
5. After Twelve O'Clock.
6. Around You (Waltz).
7. Look What I've got!
8. The Day you came Along.
9. I Had To Change The Words.
10. Weep No More My Baby.
11. Willow Weep for Me.
12. Moths Around the candle Flame.
10.30 p.m.—Rugby Mid-day Press News.
10.55 p.m.—Close Down.

French Fascist Head
Marcel Bucard, head of the newly-organized French Fascists, pictured at his desk in Paris. He recently announced his party "will not hesitate to resort to arms" to attain its ends, if necessary.

BRIDGE NOTES

An Imperative Discard

by Ely Culbertson.

In line with our endeavour to give our partner all the information possible in defense play, we must remember that very often winning combinations which are clear to us cannot possibly be foreseen by our partner. Very often a most unorthodox lead or discard is necessary in order that we may take full control into our own hands. A very surprising "come-on" discard proved to be the only means of defeating a four-spade contract on the following hand, which was played in one of the qualifying rounds for the United States Bridge Association's National Championship Tournaments. These qualifying tournaments are, of course, duplicate games, so that in the following case it was possible to compare the results when East did and did not make the correct play.

South, Dealer.
North and South vulnerable.

NORTH:—
S—Q 10 8 3
H—K J 8 3
D—A 2
C—K 9 6

WEST:—
S—7 2
H—A 7
D—10 9 8 4 3
C—Q J 7 3

SOUTH:—
S—K J 9 6 5
H—Q 10 6
D—Q J 6
C—A 5

EAST:—
S—A 4
H—9 5 4 2
D—K 7 5
C—10 8 4 2

The bidding:
South West North East
1S Pass 3S Pass
4S Pass Pass Pass

West opened the Ace of hearts, on which Dummy played small. It was quite obvious to East that this lead was from, at most, a doubleton holding, in which case a continuation would furnish West a ruff of the third round of hearts. There was the danger, however, that West would be deterred from his original purpose when he saw the King of hearts in Dummy, and would shift to another suit, which might seem to offer a better hope of developing the necessary number of tricks. It was urgent that East command a heart continuation; and this he accomplished by playing the nine of hearts on West's Ace. West, in the face of this veritable command, could not disobey; he led the seven of hearts, and when this was won in Dummy and a small spade led, East immediately put up the Ace and returned a heart for West to ruff. The King of diamonds later furnished the setting trick.

This is a good example of cases in which encouraging discards are not based upon high card or short suit holdings, but purely upon the knowledge that a continuation of the suit led is imperative. Since it is a somewhat unorthodox play, many East players failed to make it, and West shifted to the theme of a "bicycle" and cashed his two aces, but North could not stand the strain.

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FILM STAR FACING INCOME TAX SUIT

Recovery Of \$14,400 Sought.

ERRONEOUS REFUND

Los Angeles.

When Douglas Fairbanks appears here for the hearings on Mary Pickford's divorce suit, he will also face a civil suit which is to be filed by the Federal Government, which seeks recovery of approximately \$72,000 (\$14,400). The Government will charge that the money was erroneously and illegally given on refunds on income tax payments.

United States District Attorney Peterson M. Hall, said he had received authorization from Attorney General Cummings to file the suit, which will ask for the return of money refunded during 1927, 1928 and 1929, plus interest amounting to over \$10,000 (2,000 pounds).

The suit will be based, said Mr. Hall, on a re-examination of the actual value of \$4,000,000 (800,000 pounds) worth of stock in the Elton Corporation, which Mr. Fairbanks received in exchange for rights in certain motion pictures. Fairbanks, Hall said, refused to honour a demand from the Government for the return of the refunds.

Other Stars Indicted

"Doug" is the latest of Hollywood's notables to face both divorce and income tax difficulties. Tom Mix, the Wild West film star, was indicted in 1930 by the Federal Grand Jury on a charge of evading income tax, and was forced to pay \$175,000 (34,600 pounds) before the charge was dismissed.

Only recently, Clara Kimball Young, once a screen star but now virtually destitute, was named in an income tax lien for \$31,018 (6,208 pounds). The actress, who was divorced only a few years ago, allegedly failed to pay her Government income tax for 1927 when she was earning thousands of dollars. Others who have seen both domestic discord and tax troubles in the past few years are Lila Lee, Raquel Torres, Gloria Swanson, Corinne Griffith and Owen Moore.—Reuter.

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Manchester's Embark For Bermuda.

London.

The 1st Battalion Manchester Regiment, who have just sailed from Southampton for Bermuda, took with them sixteen crate loads of pedal bicycles—98 machines in all.

As motor cars and motor cycles are not permitted in Bermuda, the Manchesters are taking their own bicycles.

An officer explained: "We have made provision for some recreation and exercise for the men when they are off duty. If the men want to visit any part of the island they will be able to borrow a 'bike'. Island transport costs an enormous sum."—Reuter.

VALUE OF SMELL AND TASTE.

Queer Court Claim In London.

London.

What are taste and smell worth?

Answer: £250.

This was the reply of the jury in a case at Croydon County Court.

A young domestic servant claimed damages from a motorist because, she alleged, she lost all sense of taste after being involved in a motor accident.

Evidence was given that her lost senses of smell and taste were due to concussion caused by the collision and were apparently permanent.

The girl stated that she could no longer work as a cook.—Reuter.

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NO SERIOUS VIEW TAKEN

"Cannot Harm China
Gold Exchange."

PRICE FLUCTUATION NOT
LARGE ENOUGH.

(Continued from Page 1.)

On the whole the Hong Kong Stock Exchange does not take a serious view of yesterday's Ice House Street excitement in the Gold Bar Market. Several stock and sharebrokers, who were questioned by the *China Mail* yesterday, thought it was just an amusing incident. Mr. H. Odell thought that the revelation of gold prices in advance yesterday could not harm the China Gold Exchange much on account of the very small variation in prices. It would be necessary, he said, to have a variation of over \$1 in the two prices shown before anyone could hope to make a profit on account of the brokerage charges of 50 cents each way on all deals.

"HIGHLY AMUSING"

Mr. G. A. Harriman was of a similar opinion yesterday. He said "The whole thing is highly amusing, and the effect will not be very serious for anyone." Discussing the general effect of the Gold Bar business of the stock exchange, Mr. Harriman said "Of course, all the activity in the gold bar market rather reminds one of the boom times in Ice House Street, and the sharebrokers are rather worried about the question, but if this new form of business is having a bad effect for the time being—after all it is something new—the novelty will soon wear off. I don't think it will have any lasting effect on our business."

Mr. Crawford, of Messrs. Swann, Culbertson and Fritz, who are interested in the China Gold Exchange, said yesterday that they were not seriously worried concerning yesterday's incidents, and that there had not been a large enough fluctuation in prices to cause them any harm.

34 BRITISH WAR SHIPS IN PORT.

Somersetshire Arrives.

The following warships are in port to-day, and are berthed as follows:

Basin.—H. M. S. Tamar.
South Wall.—H. M. S. Wishart, H. M. S. Tarantula, H. M. S. Cleala, H. M. S. Seawey.
East Wall.—H. M. S. Cornflower, H. M. S. Folkestone, H. M. S. Bridgewater, H. M. S. Sandwich.
North Wall.—H. M. S. Witch, H. M. S. Whitshed, H. M. S. Veteran, North Arm.—H. M. S. Eagle.
West Wall.—S. S. Somersetshire.
Dock.—H. M. S. Bruce, H. M. S. Perseus, H. M. S. Olympus.
Talkoo Dock.—H. M. S. Proteus.
Cosmopolitan Dock.—H. M. S. Pandora.

No. 2 Buoy.—H. M. S. Medway, H. M. S. Osiris, H. M. S. Oswald, H. M. S. Odin, H. M. S. Otus, H. M. S. Orpheus, H. M. S. Rainbow, H. M. S. Phoenix, H. M. S. Parthian.
No. 3 Buoy.—H. M. S. Cumberland.
No. 5 Buoy.—H. M. S. Adventure.
No. 6 Buoy.—H. M. S. Cornwall.
No. 10 Buoy.—H. M. S. Keppel.
No. 11 Buoy.—H. M. S. Verity.

Foreign.

U. S. River Gunboat Mindanao, and U.S.S. Gunboat Ashville.

NEW DIRECTORS FOR THE Y.M.C.A.

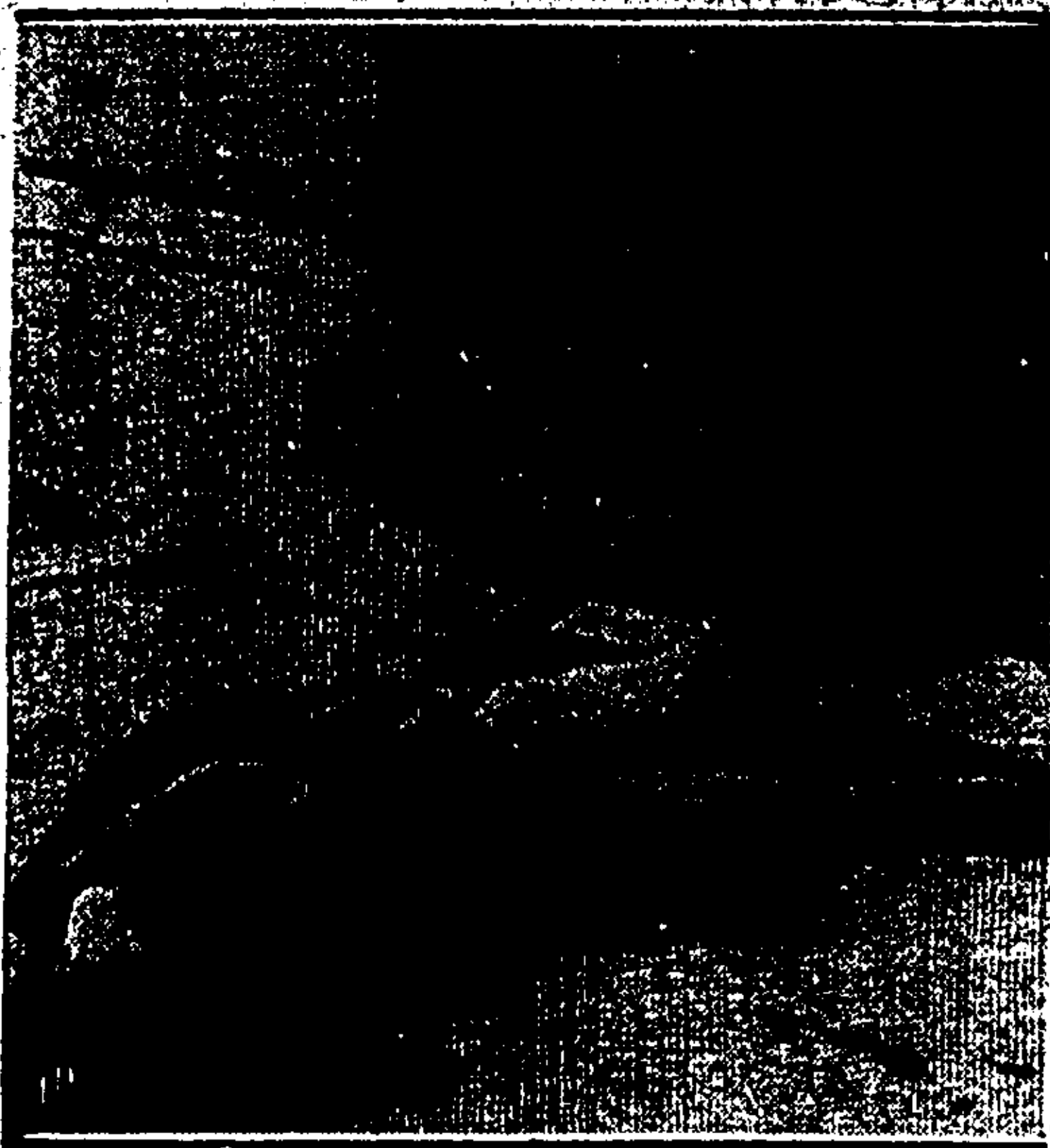
Tribute Paid To Mr. J. H. Hunt.

The Annual General Meeting of the European Y.M.C.A. was held yesterday evening, the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, President, taking the Chair.

Among those present were: Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, Hon. Sir William Shenton, Brigadier General G. B. Rowland-Hamilton, D.S.O., Messrs. P. S. Cassidy, John Fleming (Directors), A. S. McKelhan, L. C. F. Bellamy, J. I. McPherson (General Secretary), J. H. Hunt (Secretary), G. W. E. Truss (Hon. Treasurer) and A. W. Hughes.

Sir Henry Pollock paid a very high tribute to Mr. J. H. Hunt, O.B.E., who has been Secretary for the past eight years, and who is leaving the Colony for England on April 17. On the proposal of Sir Henry

Dead in War-Torn Austria



Above are shown the bodies of Austrian Helmswehr soldiers that littered the court of the Karl Marx apartments in Vienna after they had assaulted the stronghold of the Social Democrats, barricaded with machine guns. This picture was flown to London from Vienna and radioed to New York.

LOCAL NEWS BREVITIES

Two cases of small-pox, two cases of diphtheria and one case of meningitis were reported in the Colony during the 24 hours ended on March 26.

The s.s. Santhia will leave Amoy for Hong Kong on Saturday afternoon and is due here on Sunday afternoon.

The s.s. Burdwan left Shanghai for Hong Kong yesterday at 5 p.m. and is due here on Saturday at about 6 a.m.

A party of 50 Lingnam University students arrived in the Colony by train from Canton late last night. The party is here to study the Colony's manufacturing processes.

The Management of the Hong Kong Hotel advises that the usual Chinese Dinner Dance will function in the Roof Garden Chinese Restaurant of that establishment on Sunday, April 1, from 8 p.m.

24 cases of small-pox, two cases of diphtheria, 12 cases of meningitis, four cases of typhoid fever, and one case of animal rabies were reported in the Colony during the week ended March 24. During the same period 12 persons died from small-pox, three from diphtheria, two from typhoid fever, five from meningitis, and 38 died from tuberculosis.

HONG KONG "TAKEN" BY MARAUDERS.

Key Positions Are Captured.

DENSE FOG HANDICAP

The naval and military manoeuvres which were held over the week-end came to a conclusion yesterday when the invading "Blue" forces, under the command of Major W. E. B. Dorrington, and assisted by the naval vessels H. M. S. Cumberland (flagship), H. M. S. Cornwall, and the destroyers, Keppel, Verity, Wren, Wild Swan, Witch, and Bridgewater, were successful in making a surprise attack on the mainland shore of the Colony, where they captured important key positions. The invading forces were assisted in their efforts by dense fog which prevailed during the week-end.

Hong Kong's "Redland" defenders, under the command of Colonel Baxter, included men from the Punjabi Regiment and the local Volunteers. Although they put up a stubborn resistance, they were considered to be technically defeated.

Pollock, seconded by Mr. P. S. Cassidy, Messrs. L. C. F. Bellamy, A. S. McKelhan and John Fleming were elected Directors. Sir William Shenton proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman for the excellent evening and heavy work he had been called upon to bear for the last eight years of the Y.M.C.A. The vote was carried with acclamation.

TRIBUTES TO MR. G. R. SAYER

Retiring Head Of
Sanitary Dept.

IMPROVEMENTS UNDER
HIS REGIME

At the fortnightly meeting of the Sanitary Board, held yesterday afternoon, glowing tributes were paid to Mr. G. R. Sayer, the retiring Head of the Sanitary Department.

Mr. R. A. D. Forrest, presided over the meeting and there were present, the Hon. Mr. R. M. Henderson, Dr. J. M. Gray, M. O. H. Mr. Wong Kwong Tin, Mr. M. K. Lo, Mr. F. C. Hall, Mr. L. C. F. Bellamy, Dr. Li Shu Fan, Dr. R. A. de Castro Basto, and Mr. C. J. Roe (Secretary).

Speeches of appreciation were made by Mr. Wong Kwong Tin and Mr. M. K. Lo, in which they both drew attention to the excellent work done by Mr. Sayer since his appointment as H.S.D. in 1920.

Mr. Sayer was first appointed Head of the Sanitary Department and President of the Sanitary Board in 1920 and has been H.S.D. in all for nearly nine years, 1920-1924, 1928-29, 1930-33 and 1933-34.

He has done excellent work in connection with Vaccination Campaign of 1923-24 and Cholera outbreak of 1932 particularly.

The Sanitary Department has changed from bullock drawn vehicles in 1920 to the present system of motor vehicles during his administration, and European Inspectorate had grown from 34 in 1920 to 56 in 1934 with corresponding increase in Asiatic Staff.

OBITUARY

Mrs. Maria Anna Ozorio
Baptista.

AT AGE OF 74

The funeral took place yesterday of the late Mrs. Maria Anna-Ozorio Baptista, who died at her residence at 6 Hart Avenue, Kowloon yesterday morning at the age of 74 years. Widow of the late Mr. O. Baptista, who was for many years on the staff of Messrs. Gibbs, Livingstone and Company, the deceased leaves a large number of relatives amongst whom are the only son, Mr. Cesar O. Baptista, of the staff of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank, and five daughters.

The Rev. Father Rossi officiated and those present were, Mr. Cesar O. Baptista, Mr. J. Baptista (brother-in-law), and Messrs. J. Rosario, D. Baptista and M. Baptista (nephews) as chief mourners; Rev. Fr. Spada, and Messrs. A. Ribeiro, F. M. Pereira, A. Osmund, L. R. Ribeiro, A. J. C. Rocha, J. F. Sousa, F. Loureiro, J. M. Eca, U. F. Baptista, A. J. V. Ribeiro, F. A. V. Ribeiro, G. Carvalho, A. C. Botelho, G. E. Rocha and others. Wreaths were also sent by relatives and friends.

Cheung Yu, a seaman, was admitted to the Government Civil Hospital suffering from a fractured spine, caused by a falling basket of dried fish on board the s.s. Kwangsi yesterday.

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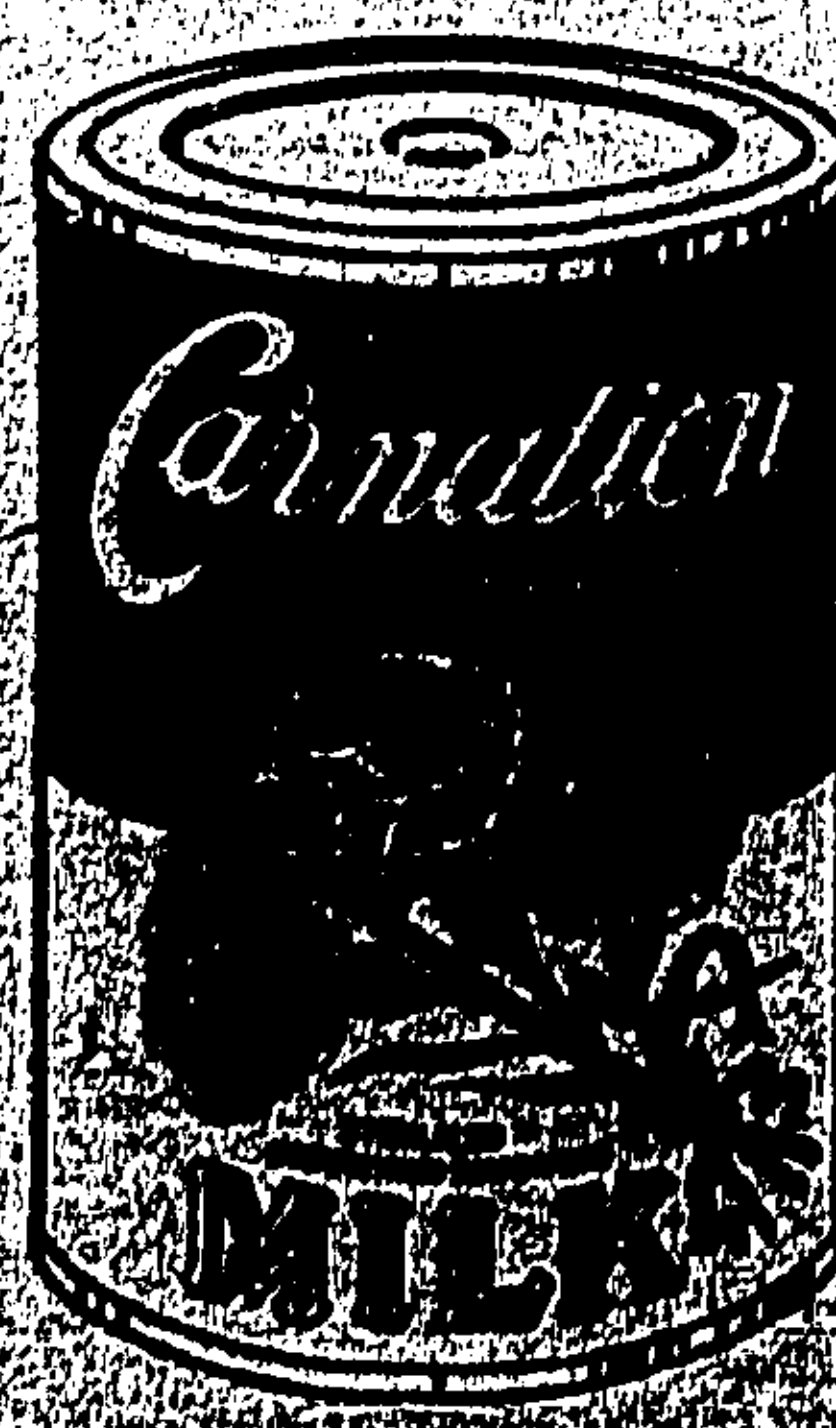
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Mrs. Edward Stone and Mrs. L. T. Woolley desire to thank all friends for kind expressions of sympathy tendered in their recent bereavement and throughout Mr. Stone's illness.

The China Mail

Hong Kong, Wednesday, Mar. 28, 1934.

Westminster And Ottawa

A reminder of the wider issues of the relations between the members of the British Commonwealth of Nations is afforded by the recent Commonwealth Relations Conference in Toronto. This conference was held under auspices of the Royal Institute of International Affairs, and its representatives, although unofficial, were influential, the British delegation including such outstanding figures as Lord Cecil and Sir Herbert Samuel. The fact that the conference partook of the nature of private discussion, without any necessary resolutions or decisions in regard to policy, meant a frankness of statement and a freedom of exchange of divergent opinion impossible in an official meeting. It also meant, perhaps, a more realistic outlook. At the same time, it afforded fresh emphasis on the new development of Empire relations through conference rather than legislation, through mutual understanding rather than written compacts. The British mind has always been suspicious of the rigidity of doctrinaire statements. It prefers its institutions to grow gradually, to be moulded by the pressure of changing facts, to be elastic enough to stretch and meet new circumstances. And so, in the words of the "Round Table," while, in the tremendous shipwreck of the Great War, empires, institutions, and ideas irretrievably foundered, the British Commonwealth of Nations—already more an institution than an Empire, and now more how remoulded afloat—The Toronto conference exhibited this elasticity by a variety of opinions reflecting the freedom of interpretation that could be placed on the Imperial Conference, the Balfour resolutions, and even the Statute of Westminster. The principles of equality of status among the members of the Empire and of voluntary co-operation between them had been established. But the difficult question of external equality, of determining the position of the dominions in the world, was left for future consideration.

it was this question which became the paramount issue at Toronto, especially the relation of Canada to Britain in regard to neutrality. Opinions naturally differed according to parties, and many Canadian Conservatives were content to accept the pre-war position that Canada, as a part of the British Empire, was committed to war on the decision of the mother country. But Liberals and representatives of the "C.C.F.," the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation party, the Canadian Left Wing, united to state frankly that they wanted to view foreign policy from the Canadian point of view. One thing that was learnt was the reason for Canada's reluctance to make any European commitment. The Canadians, like their neighbours over the border, hold a "Monroe Doctrine" attitude. They suspect all European entanglements. They want freedom of foreign policy. The reasons for this Canadian attitude are various. In the first place, Canada is jealous of her national independence. She does not wish to be submerged by other British or America. She desires to preserve the separate nationhood she enjoys as a member of both the Empire and the League. As in the Sino-Japanese dispute, her policy may be divergent from that of Britain. Again, her four million French-Canadians, though appreciating the privileges they enjoy as a result of British generosity, do not want to be automatically committed to war or peace by a vote at Westminster. Finally, Canadian policy is inevitably influenced by that of her powerful neighbour. For Canada, sheltered under the lee of the United States, the British Navy is not the urgent necessity it is for Australia. On the other hand, her pacifist isolationism and her stress on her obligations to the League, as well as to the Empire, are joined with a lively sense of the value of her membership of the British Commonwealth of Nations. Canada and Great Britain enjoy too great a community of interests for the relations between them to be anything but the friendliest of co-operation and interdependence, a community of interests in matters economic and political, in British traditions of democracy and freedom. She is content to take advantage of the expensive diplomatic machinery which Britain puts at her disposal for international affairs. The Toronto conference agreed that the Commonwealth and international systems were complementary, and in no sense alternative. Indeed, the British Commonwealth of Nations and the League of Nations are represented by the League of Nations, and the League of Nations is supported by the Commonwealth. Each other in the world, each other in the world.

HERE, THERE, EVERYWHERE

Trouble About Trousers

There, Leeds Chamber of Commerce are the latest body to express concern about the dumping in Britain of cheap Polish clothing.

At a recent meeting one member, complaining that there was no indication of the origin of these garments, held up a pair of trousers. He said that they were delivered to the merchant in London at 1s. 8d. a pair. The only markings were the somewhat supererogatory words "For Gentlemen" on the buttons.

A letter from a Manchester firm, states that this Polish ready-made clothing gives endless trouble.

"We have never known a single satisfied customer of Polish clothing," the letter states. "It is misshapen in cut, very carelessly made up, and very badly finished."

"In future we will confine our effort to the sale of British clothing."

Safer Flying

Airplane designers are always experimenting with devices designed to make flying safer. The slotted wing, now to be used by the French Air Ministry, is only one of many of these inventions.

The search for high cruising speeds has brought with it a corresponding search for slow landing devices.

Most promising of these is the trailing edge flap. It is released for landing and with the "slot" gives a bigger wing area and therefore greater lift while the machine is gliding. The result is a lower and safer landing speed.

Another slow landing device is the wing tip rotor, invented by Dr. Thurston. It was recently tested at Farnborough, but has not yet been tried on a full-sized airplane.

Your Daily Smile.

Regrettable

A man called on the editor of a paper and complained that in a previous issue they had published an account of his death. The editor apologised profusely, and the following paragraph appeared in the next issue:—

"We regret that the news we printed announcing the sudden death of Colonel Jones is without foundation."

CITY CAMEO

"What's that fellow's trouble? Does he owe you any money?"
"No, but he wants to."

YOUNG RIP

A French laundry hand is ninety-five and still working. It's never too late to mend.

Her Interpretation

On his tour of the schools, an inspector came before a class of girls. He wrote on the blackboard, "LXXX." They, peering over his spectacles at a good-looking girl in the first row, asked:—
"Young lady, I'd like to have you tell me what that means."

"Love and kisses," the girl replied.

DAMNED

The girl who changes the colour of her hair, says a cleric, commits a sin. She won't go to heaven if she does.

QUESTION AND ANSWER
"It is unkind to postpone a wedding?" asks a reader. Not if you keep on doing it.

ADVICE TO WORMS

Sleep late!

Facts You Did Not Know.

The government of Greece has assumed exclusive control of the importation, packing, sale and distribution of quinine in that country.

An electric sign that changes its wording automatically has been erected on a hill near San Francisco. It is visible more than ten miles away.

A German has invented a machine which automatically changes the color of a photograph to suit the occasion.

GENTUS OF NOEL COWARD

OUTSTANDING MARK IS VERSATILITY

UNDISTURBED BY FAILURES

(By Geoffrey Harmsworth.)

A great commotion was going on in the little house at Staines because young Noel had made a pronouncement unusual among boys of ten. At least, when they do talk like that they are apt to be boxed soundly on the ears. "I'm going on the stage," he declared. (I know this is the way most stage people open their confessions, but in Noel Coward's case the picture is authentic.)

Now Noel Coward is one of those people who make up their minds so do a thing and do it. No one knew that better than Mrs. Coward herself. Noel had read and advertisement somewhere for a boy actor for "The Goldfish," a children's play to be put on at the Little Theatre.

So his mother took him up to see the manager, and that evening there was even greater excitement in the little house at Staines because Noel had secured his first contract. He was to play the part of a prince in "The Goldfish."

Soon after "The Goldfish" adventure Noel was given a part by Charles Hawtrey in "The Great Name," and later he toured the provinces in one of Italia Conti's child companies. When he appeared under Robert Courtneidge, Noel used to introduce impromptu "gags" on the stage, and once Courtneidge had to rebuke him. "Young man, I pay you to amuse the public, not to amuse yourself."

After a brief spell with the Liverpool Repertory Company, Noel turned his hand to song and play writing. At the former he was moderately successful, but the managers were not interested in his plays. He had written "The Young Idea" straight on the typewriter in four days, but it took him two years to get it accepted.

One of the luckiest moments in Noel's life was when he met Michel Arlen. He had been hawking "The Vortex" all round London. One manager said he would consider the play, but not if Noel played in it. Finally Noel sent the M.S. to Mr. Norman MacDermott, at the Everyman, Hampstead. It was duly read, and in the manner of most M.S.s, had an ominous docket entitled "unsuitable" attached to its red cover.

Gift Of Repartee

As he once remarked, it is one thing to sit comfortably in the stalls on a first night (fifty shillings each) observing the effect on expectant public, but it is quite another to play one of the parts in the glare of the footlights, desperately intent on helping to make the whole thing a success.

His First Contract

But Mr. MacDermott was going down to the country that week-end, and, by a providential mistake, the play was slipped into his suitcase. Mr. MacDermott, having nothing better to do, read the M.S. By mid-day on Tuesday Noel Coward signed a contract for the production of "The Vortex."

Arlen backed it to the extent of £150; Noel had written it in a week, and he produced and acted in the play. It brought him success—and, of course, a Rolfe Bayly. Previously, in "London Calling," for which Noel wrote sketches and songs, and in which he acted and sang, he discovered what it felt like to "get the bird."

When he left the cast he implicitly sent the management scores of telegrams in the names of illustrious people deploring his departure in the most extravagant terms.

Those were the days of the Bright Young People, and Noel Coward's plays invariably held up to scorn that strange post-war social phenomenon, the Cocktail Age. Some people still think that he was solely responsible for it; others claim that he did most to ridicule it. "Fallen Angels" shocked the public, but everyone wanted to see it.

At 25 he had four plays running in London at the same time. But he was not only playwright, actor, producer, songwriter, dancer, symphonist, artist, and everything else that was the fashion of the day. He was also a man of letters. He wrote "The Vortex" in a fortnight, and "The Young Idea" in four days. He wrote "The Vortex" in a fortnight, and "The Young Idea" in four days.

Profits From Failures

Coward has never allowed his failures to worry him; he has had the good sense to profit by them. ("I bought it out of my failures," he told a friend, describing a villa he had taken in the south of France.) "Sirocco" was hissed at Daly's "Home Chat" lasted only five weeks. Even Marie Tempest couldn't keep "The Marquise" going for long.

The pendulum began to swing the other way with "This Year of Grace." He made nearly £1,000 a week out of it. As author, lyricist, and composer of "Bitter Sweet," his takings were estimated in the neighbourhood of £70,000.

"Cavalcade," so far, has been Noel's greatest financial triumph. In all, including the film rights, it is said to have brought him £100,000. "Design for Living," which has not been produced in England yet has earned nearly £30,000 in America. "Conversation Piece," in which he is appearing with Yvonne Printemps, will undoubtedly add another £30,000 to Noel's little pile.

Ten years ago he was poor. Twenty years ago he was thankful to earn £2 10s. a week on tour. Today he is the richest man in the theatre, and 85 has already made more money out of the entertainment business than anyone living or dead, with the single exception of the late W. P. Barnum. Perhaps his plots are slight. But Coward's genius lies in his masterly handling of a trivial incident or of apparently commonplace dialogue so as to make it seem of immense significance. This was brilliantly revealed in "Cavalcade."

I have heard people ask why Noel Coward still goes on acting when he has so many other things to keep him occupied. The reason is that he considers it is necessary to be an actor as well as a playwright in order to keep in constant touch not only with the audience, but with the players themselves.

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"THE FIRST MRS. FRASER."

Mrs. Fay Grossman's Return.

Mrs. Fay Grossman, who recently produced "Ten Minute All-Right," with so much success, will make a welcome return to the forthcoming Amateur Dramatic Club's newest production, "The First Mrs. Fraser," which will be presented at the Royal Naval Canteen Theatre, on April 11 to 14, inclusive.

Other notable players in the cast are James Walker, who will play James Fraser, Faith Jupp, cast as Elsie Fraser, and Joyce Miskin, Cyril Champkin and Andrew McKinley. The new comers include Betty Elder and Dennis McAvoy.

Booking will, as usual, be at the Anderson Music Company and will be open to the public in a few days.

COMMUNIQUE

A Chinese woman was knocked down by a motor lorry in Queen's Road West, near Centre Street, shortly before 8 a.m. on Tuesday, March 27. The lorry driver, who was a Chinese, was arrested and charged with manslaughter. The woman, who was a Chinese, was taken to the hospital and is recovering. The lorry driver is a Chinese, and the woman is a Chinese.

BETTING AND LOTTERIES BILL IN LORDS

Drastic Measures To Be Adopted.

UNEXPECTED AMENDMENTS

London, To-day.

A new betting and lotteries bill was read for the first time in the House of Lords last evening.

The purpose of the measure is to amend the law with respect to betting on tracks where sporting events take place, including the law with respect to totalisators on horse race-courses, to authorise, subject to restrictions, the establishment of totalisators on dog race-courses to prohibit betting on tracks with young persons under seventeen, and pari-mutuel betting, except by authorised totalisators, and to amend the law regarding lotteries.

The Second Half.

The second half of the bill deals entirely with lotteries and prize competitions, and is of drastic character. Every person will be guilty of an offence, who, in connection with any lottery either in Great Britain or elsewhere, prints, sells, distributes, offers, or advertises or has in his possession for sale or distribution any lottery tickets.—British Wireless Service.

If he prints, publishes, or distributes, or has in his possession, for distribution, any advertisement of a lottery, any matter descriptive of the drawing or intended drawing of a lottery, or any list, whether complete or not, of prize-winners or winning tickets in a lottery, or any other matter relating to a lottery, being matter of the nature calculated to act as an inducement to persons to participate in that lottery or in other lotteries.

Nothing To Be Sent

It is also made an offence to bring or invite any person to send lottery tickets or an advertisement into Great Britain for sale or distribution, to send, or attempt to send, money received, or any document recording the sale or distribution, or the identity of a holder of any lottery ticket out of Great Britain, or to use any premises or permit for their use, for purposes connected with a lottery.

Exemption is given to small lotteries incidental to certain entertainments where prizes are not in money and are not only an inducement to persons to attend the entertainment.

No Private Enterprise.

Private lotteries, conducted by members of one Society established for other than gaming, and among persons who work or live on the same premises, are also exempted.

The Bill also contains restrictions on prize competitions conducted by newspapers or in connection with businesses' success, in which it does not depend to a substantial degree on skill. Offenders under the measure would be liable, on conviction, to a heavy fine on the first offence, and to imprisonment for subsequent offences.—British Wireless Service.

TWO MUI TSAI OFFENCES.

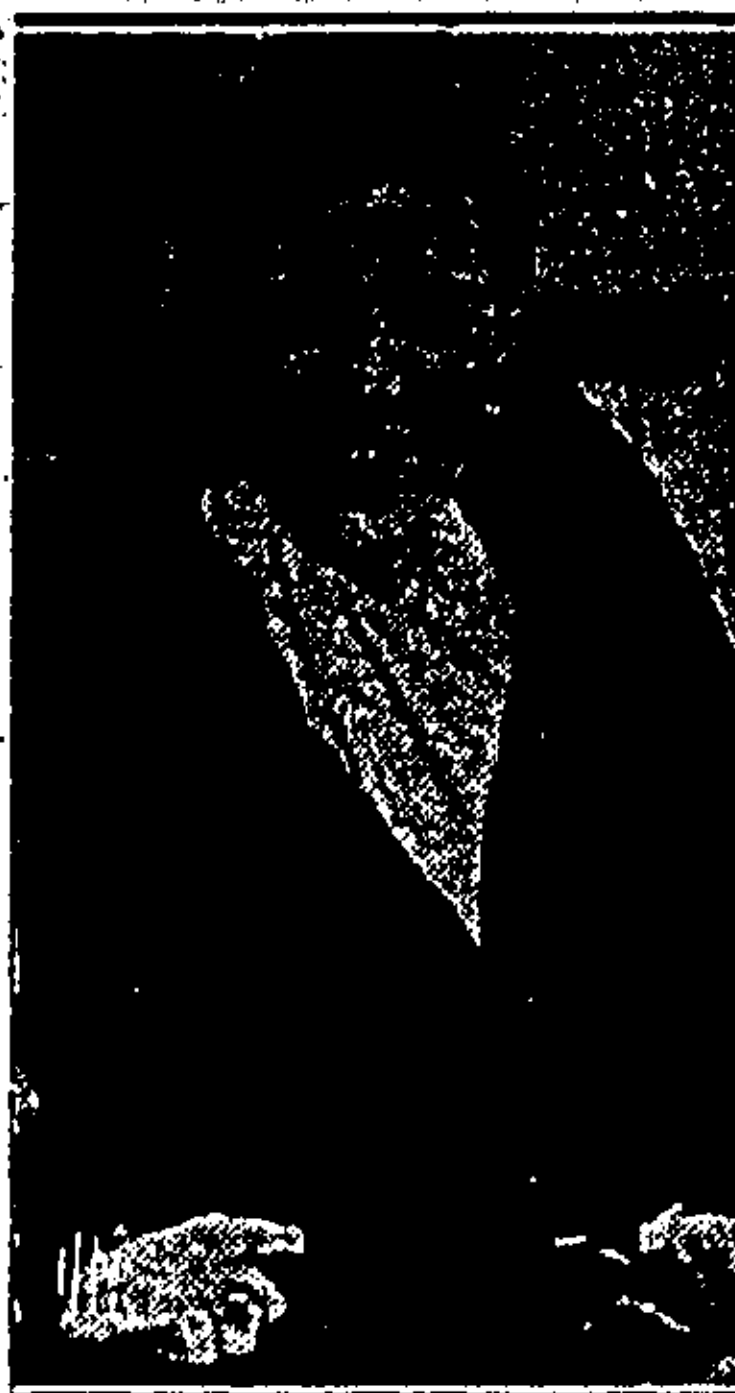
Nominal Fines On Mistresses.

Chan Tsai, a married woman, of No. 1, Tai On Street, first floor, Saiwanho, was fined \$20 by Mr. E. W. Hamilton, at the Central Magistracy this morning, for keeping two unregistered mistresses, Li Yuet, age 21, and Leung Tsai, age 22.

Mr. T. P. K. Kemble, on behalf of the defendant, pleaded guilty on a technical offence.

Sub-Inspector W. H. Fraser said that the girls complained that they were not allowed to leave unless their parents had redeemed them.

Nazi Air Queen



Antonie Strassman
Aviation expert and woman air pilot of the United States are wrapping yarns with Antonie Strassman, leading aviatrix of Germany, who just arrived in New York. She came from her native land by boat rather than by plane.

APPEAL ARGUMENT CONCLUDES

Judgment Reserved By Full Court.

MR. SHELTON ON SOLICITOR'S DUTY.

The conclusion of the appeal against the judgment of the former Acting-Chief Justice, Mr. J. R. Wood, on June 22, 1933, in connection with property at No. 73, Bonham Strand West, was reached this morning at the Supreme Court before His Lordship the Chief Justice, Mr. Justice A.D.A. MacGregor, and the Puisne Judge, Mr. Justice R. E. Lindell.

Judgment was reserved by the Court and the hearing adjourned sine die.

The appeal is on a point of law and a point of fact against judgment in respect of property at 73 Bonham Strand West, valued at slightly under \$100,000.

Mr. H. G. Sheldon and Mr. Leo D'Almeida Junior, instructed by Mr. M. K. Lo, appeared for the appellants, while Mr. F. C. Jenkin and Mr. Eldon Potter, instructed by Mr. E. Davidson, appeared for the respondents.

Appellant was Li Tse-shi, widow of 71 Shantung Road, Mongkok, administratrix of the estate of Li Woon-nam, who died in 1925.

Respondent was Pong Tsai-ching, of Shatin, New Territories, in whose favour the final judgment respecting the property was made by Mr. Wood.

Addressing the Court, Mr. Jenkin said that in case of an appeal it was always presumed that the trial judge is right and that it was the onus of the appellant to displace that presumption.

To do that they would have to show that the learned trial judge failed to use or mis-used the opportunity of giving a hearing to the witnesses; that he had neglected to have regard to some material circumstance of the evidence; that he failed, in his cross-examination of the evidence, to notice inconsistency or some undisputable fact, and finally, to show that the evidence was untruthful.

If on the other hand, he added, the Court had any doubt at all, it would not disturb the finding under appeal.

Mr. Sheldon's Address.
Mr. Sheldon in his final address contended that the appellants' evidence was not accepted by the trial judge merely because the evidence in the case did not support her story. He submitted that her story was not disbelieved and that fact made her story a credible one.

Mr. Sheldon said that it was not known what Li Kai-foi had done with the forged deeds during the 13 months and nights for all anyone knew, have borrowed money on them.

Further he suggested that Li Kai-foi had to "find some simple person" before he could raise money on forged deeds, and even then, he had advanced \$500 a month's "interest" to Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Central Magistracy this morning, for keeping two unregistered mistresses, Li Yuet, age 21, and Leung Tsai, age 22.

NETHERLANDS QUEEN LAID TO REST

Cortege Passes Through Thronged Streets.

CEREMONIES OF SIMPLEST CHARACTER

The Hague, To-day.
The funeral cortege of the Dowager Queen Emma of the Netherlands proceeded through thronged streets yesterday, to the Palace Royal Mausoleum, at Delft, which contains the remains of the Dynasty from William the Sixth to the present day.

At the request of Queen Wilhelmina, the ceremonies were of the simplest character, involving the absence of foreign Royalties.—Reuters.

INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH.

Compulsory Levy Urged In Commons.

London, To-day.
Mr. Stanley Baldwin, in the House of Commons yesterday, promised sympathetic consideration to the proposal that a compulsory levy for financing industrial research should be placed on industries.

It was stated that there was an increasing support for such a proposal among the industries themselves.—British Wireless Service.

NEW SOLICITOR ADMITTED.

Mr. William Keith Robinson.

Mr. William Keith Robinson was admitted to practice as a solicitor in Hong Kong by His Lordship the Chief Justice, Mr. Justice A. D. A. MacGregor at the Supreme Court this morning.

The Attorney-General, the Hon. Mr. C. G. Allabaster, in introducing Mr. Robinson, said that he was born in 1910 at Newton Willows, Lancashire, and was educated at Bradford. He was articled at St. Leonard-on-Sea, and first practised as a solicitor in March last year. He was admitted to the Supreme Court of England in May 1933.

In acceding to the petition, His Lordship said that he would practice as a member of a very honourable profession, and that he must be aware that his professional brethren in the Colony had invariably shown a very high standard, and he hoped that Mr. Robinson would live up to this standard.

The Chief Justice said that he was very happy to accede to the petition and wished Mr. Robinson every success in his profession.

British Budget Surplus Contained In Treasury Statement

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sources the total ordinary revenue is now amounting to \$713,430,129 as compared with the budget estimate for the whole year of \$698,777,000.

Including self balancing, the budget revenue so far collected amounts to \$795,180,129.

Ordinary expenditure last week was \$11,137,000 and the total up to March 24 was \$874,832,240, which compares with the budget estimate of expenditure for the whole year of \$700,866,000.

When self balancing expenditure is included, and special issues out of the Exchequer referred to above are accounted for the total expenditure is \$767,041,729.—British Wireless Service.

Introduction because Li could not and anyone else to take him and was obliged to risk exposure of possession of the deeds, which he knew belonged to his mother.

Solicitor's Duty.
Mr. Sheldon asserted that it was the duty of a solicitor, who was acting on behalf of the vendor and purchaser, to protect the latter against a purchase to which no title was attached.

A Terrible Fraud.
Counsel submitted that Yan Fung, who sold the property, was a partner in the fraud, which was one of the most terrible ever perpetrated in Hong Kong. He said that Yan Fung was a "second-hand" man, and that he had been "used" by Mr. Sheldon's counsel. He said that Yan Fung was a "second-hand" man, and that he had been "used" by Mr. Sheldon's counsel.

To-day's Short Story.

LIBERTY HALL

By Ring Lardner.

MY husband is in Atlantic City, where they are trying out "Dear Dora," the musical version of "David Copperfield." My husband wrote the score. He used to take me along for these out-of-town openings, but not any more.

He, of course, has to spend almost all his time in the theatre, and that leaves me alone in the hotel, and pretty soon people find out whose wife I am and introduce themselves and the next thing you know they are inviting us for a week or a week end at Dobbs Ferry or Oyster Bay. Then it is up to me to think of some legitimate-sounding reason why we can't come.

In lots of cases they say, "Well, if you can't make it the twenty-ninth?" and so on, till you simply have to accept. And Ben gets mad, and stays mad for days.

He absolutely abhors visiting, and thinks there ought to be a law against invitations that go beyond dinner and bridge. He doesn't mind hotels, where there is a decent light for reading in bed and one for shaving, and where you can order meals, with coffee, any time you want them. But I really believe he would rather spend a week in the death-house at Sing Sing than in somebody else's home.

Three or four years ago we went around quite a lot with a couple

whom I will call the Buckleys. We liked them and they like us. We had dinner together at least twice a week, and after dinner we played bridge or went to a show or just sat and talked.

Ben never turned down their invitations and often actually called them up himself and suggested parties. Finally they moved to Albany on account of Mr. Buckley's business. We missed them a great deal, and when Mrs. Buckley wrote for us to come up there for the holidays we were tickled pink.

TO-MORROW'S STORY

To-morrow's story will be "Mystery On The Train," by Dagny Kjarsgaard.

Well, their guest-room was terribly cold; it took hours to fill the bathtub; there was no reading lamp by the bed; three reporters called to interview Ben, two of them kittenish young girls; the breakfasts were just fruit and cereal and toast; coffee was not served at luncheon; the faucets in the wash-basin were the kind that won't run unless you keep pressing them; four important keys on the piano were stuck and people were invited in every night to hear Ben play, and the Buckley family had been augmented by a tremendous police dog, who was "just a puppy and never growled or snapped at anyone he knew," but couldn't seem to remember that Ben was not an utter stranger.

On the fourth awful day Ben gave out the news—new to him and to me as well as to our host and hostess—that he had lost a filling which he would not trust any but his own New York dentist to replace. We came home and we have never seen the "Buckleys" since.

It we do see them it will be accidental. They will hardly ask us there unless we ask them here, and we won't ask them here for fear they would ask us there. And they were honestly the most congenial people we ever met.

It was after our visit to the Craigs at Stamford that Ben originated what he calls his "emergency exit." We had such a horrible time at the Craigs' and such a worse time getting away, that Ben swore he would pay no more visits until he could think up a graceful method of curtailing them in the event they pround unbearable.

Here is the scheme he hit on: He would write himself a telegram and sign it with the name Ziegfeld or Gene Buck or Dillingham or George M. Cohan. The telegram would say that he must return to New York at once, and it would give a reason. Then, the day we started out, he would leave it with Irene, the girl at Harms', his publishers, with instructions to have it sent to him twenty-four hours later.

When it arrived at whatever town we were in, he would either have the host or hostess take it over the telephone or ask the telephone company to deliver it so he could show it around. We would put on long faces, and say, how sorry we were, but of course business was business, so good-bye and so forth. There was never a breath of suspicion even when the telegram was ridiculous, like the one Ben had sent to himself at Spring Lake where we were staying with the Marshalls just after "Betty's Birthday" opened at the Globe. The Marshalls loved musical shows, but knew less than nothing about music, and swallowed this one whole.

Shaw and Miss Miller, Ben's suffering from laryngitis? Stop. Entire, sure must be nervous. The half-tone lower? Stop. Come at once? Stop.

C. B. Dillingham. "It miraculously" Ben had sworn to be serious himself. He would of course, that was the substance of his message. He would be in New York at once. He would be in New York at once. He would be in New York at once.

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The popular photo supply store, Messrs. A. Tack & Company, which has been such a landmark in Des Vaux Road, has been forced to remove as a result of the failure of the Wembley Chinese Restaurant, which formerly occupied the upper floors of the building.

Fortunately Messrs. A. Tack & Co., have been able to secure a suitable store just opposite, at No. 29 Des Vaux Road Central, recently vacated by the Sunfreeze Ice Cream Company, near the Radio Office.

Patrons will be pleased to find the new store so near the former location, looking very much the same as the old one with attractive show-cases and the familiar artistic window displays.

U. S. AIR MAIL CONTRACTS

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The return of the air-mail contracts, which were cancelled recently, following allegations of graft in the awarding of the contracts, was proposed by President Roosevelt in a special message to Congress on March 7.

He recommended that contracts should be granted for a period not exceeding three years "on full, fair competitive bidding, with a limitation on the rate of compensation, above which no contracts will be awarded."

The President proposed legislation to protect the public interest by prohibiting the award of contracts to any companies whose officers were parties to obtaining the former contracts in circumstances which were contrary to good faith and public policy.

U.S. NAVY BILL SIGNED

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A single additional United States warship, but solely a statement that Congress approves the building of the Navy to—and not beyond—the strength allowed by the Washington and London Treaties.

The Bill, he said, "anyhow, is a statement of intent, a statement of purpose, a statement of policy, a statement of principle, a statement of fact, a statement of law, a statement of justice, a statement of equity, a statement of morality, a statement of religion, a statement of science, a statement of art, a statement of literature, a statement of history, a statement of geography, a statement of politics, a statement of economics, a statement of sociology, a statement of psychology, a statement of philosophy, a statement of metaphysics, a statement of epistemology, a statement of logic, a statement of mathematics, a statement of physics, a statement of chemistry, a statement of biology, a statement of medicine, a statement of law, a statement of ethics, a statement of aesthetics, a statement of religion, a statement of philosophy, a statement of metaphysics, a statement of epistemology, a statement of logic, a statement of mathematics, a statement of physics, a statement of 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to go home.
Just as the trainmen were about to leave, Miss Taylor said to the conductor, "I want to make a statement. I married Mr. Brock," and she pointed toward the Mr. Brock being carried in my arms. "And so," she continued, "I have been married for many years. Please forgive me if I have done something wrong. I am sorry." The trainmen looked at each other and then at me. I looked at her and then at the conductor. The conductor said, "All right, miss. You may get off now." So I got off and went home. I have been married for many years. Please forgive me if I have done something wrong. I am sorry.

A front view of the lightweight, streamlined, high-speed passenger train, recently put into service by the Union Pacific R. R., which engineers say will be the train of the future. It travels 110 miles an hour smoothly. Inset, President Roosevelt with railroad officials as they inspected the train on its arrival at Washington from Chicago on its "breaking in" run.

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"Ralph," said Mrs. Thayer to her husband, "you sit in one of the little seats and Mr. and Mrs. Drake will sit back here with me."

"I'd really prefer one of the little seats myself," said Ben, and he meant it, for he hates to get his clothes mussed and being squeezed in beside two such substantial objects as our hostess and myself was bound to rumple him.

"No, sir!" said Mrs. Thayer, positively. "You came to us for a rest, and we're not going to start you off uncomfortable."

"But I'd honestly rather—"

It was no use. Ben was wedged between us and throughout the drive maintained a morose silence, unable to think of anything but how terrible his coat would look when he got out.

The Thayers had a very pretty home and the room assigned to us was close to perfection.

There were comfortable twin beds with a small stand and convenient reading-lamp between; a big dresser and chiffonier; an ample closet with plenty of hangers; a bathroom with hot water that was hot, towels that were not too new and faucets that were not too old when turned on, and an ash-tray within reach of wherever we happened to be. If only we could have spent all our time in that guest-room, it would have been ideal.

But presently we were summoned down-stairs to luncheon. I had warned Mrs. Thayer in advance and Bea was served with coffee. He drinks it black.

"Don't you take cream, Mr. Drake?"

"No. Never."

"But that's because you don't get good cream in New York."

"No. It's because I don't like cream in coffee."

"You would like our cream. We have our own cows and the cream is so rich that it's almost like butter. Won't you try just a little?"

"But thanks."

"Just a little, to see how rich it is."

She poured about a tablespoonful of cream into his coffee-cup and for a second he was afraid he was going to pick up the cup and throw it in her face. But he kept hold of himself, forced a smile and declined a second chop.

"You haven't tasted your coffee," said Mrs. Thayer.

"Yes, I have," lied Ben. "The coffee is delicious."

"That is wonderful. I'm sorry it doesn't agree with me."

"I don't believe coffee agrees with anyone," said Mr. Thayer. "While you are here, not doing any work, why don't you try to give it up?"

"I'd be so irritable you wouldn't have me in the house. Besides, it isn't coffee with cream."

"Pure, unadorned, like ours couldn't be defeated," said Mr. Thayer, and Ben, defeated, refused to answer.

He started to light a Jaguar cigarette—the brand he had been smoking for years.

"Here! Wait a minute!" said Mr. Thayer. "Try one of mine."

"What are they?" asked Ben.

"Trumps," said our host, holding out his case. "Trumps," said Ben, and he took the first one and tried to smoke it.

"You can't simply get to try one now," said Mrs. Thayer. "You may as well wait until you are used to them because you'll have to smoke them all the time you're here. You can't have guests providing they smoke cigars."

He Ben had to discard his Jaguar and smoke a Trumps. And it was even worse than he had anticipated.

"The cigars were so adjourned to the dining room and Ben went straight to the phone.

"Oh, yes. I know all about that," said Mrs. Thayer. "You just think you've got to entertain us! Nothing doing. You've got to give us your own talent, not to enjoy your talent. It's a fine one to ask you tomy home for a rest and then make your perform."

"You're not making me," said Ben. "Honestly I want to play for just five or ten minutes. I've got a tune that I might do something with and I'm anxious to run it over."

"I don't believe you, you naughty man!" said our hostess. "Your wife has told you how wild we are about your music and you're determined to be nice to us. But I'm just as stubborn as you are. You're not one who plays along with your guests!"

Ben favoured me with a stricken look, mumbled something about unpacking his suitcase—it was already unpacked—and went up to our room, where he stayed nearly an hour, jotting down his new tune, smiling Jaguar after Jaguar and wishing that black coffee flowed from bathtub

faucets.

About a quarter of four Mr. Thayer insisted on taking him around the place and showing him the shrubbery, something that held in Ben's mind a planting more important to the grade "c" wire used in halpains.

"I'll have to go to business to-morrow," said Mr. Thayer, "and you will be left to amuse yourself. I thought you might enjoy this planting more if you know a little about it. Of course, it's much prettier in the spring of the year."

"I can imagine so."

"You must come over next spring, and see it."

"I'm usually busy in the spring," said Ben.

"Before we go in," said Mr. Thayer, "I'd like to ask you one question: Do tunes come into your mind and then you write them down, or do you just sit at the piano and improvise until you find something good?"

"Sometimes one way and sometimes the other," said Ben.

"That's very interesting," said Mr. Thayer. "I've often wondered how it was done. And another question: Do you write the tunes first and then give them to the men who write the words, or do the men write the words

first and then give them to you to make up the music to them." Sometimes one way and sometimes the other," said Ben.

"That's very interesting," said Mr. Thayer. "It's something I'm glad to know. And now we'd better join the ladies, or my wife'll say I'm moon-polling."

They joined up much to my relief. I had just reached a point where I would either have had to tell "Ellie" exactly how much Ben "earned" per business or that it was none of her business.

"Well!" said Mrs. Thayer to Ben. "I was afraid Ralph had kidnapped you."

"He was showing me the shrubbery," said Ben.

"What'd you think of it?"

"It's a great shrubbery," said Ben, striving to put some warmth into his voice.

"You must come and see it in the spring."

"I'm usually busy in the spring."

"Ralph and I are mighty proud of our shrubbery."

"You have a right to be."

Fen was taking a book out of the bookcase.

"What book is that?" asked Mrs. Thayer.

"The Great Gatsby," said Ben.

"Yes, always wanted to read it, but never got around to it."

"Now we'll," said Mrs. Thayer, as she took it away from him. "Thank you, I'll read the newest one, there's one on the table. We need pretty well up to date. Ralph and I are both great readers. I don't dry any one of those books that have dust on them and aren't even read."

chair you've ever sat in." said Ben, but he sank into the soft, nice one and never opened his book. "I can never see there!" said Mrs. Thayer. "You'll ruin your eyes. Get up just a minute and let Ralph move your chair by that lamp." "I can see perfectly well." "I know better! Ralph, move his chair so he can see." "I don't believe I want to read just now, anyway," said Ben, and went to the phonograph. "Bess," he said, putting on a record, "here's your dear Miss Hannah! he the Revellers."

Mrs. Thayer fairly leaped to his side, and herded Miss Hannah back into her stall.

"We've got lots of later ones than that," she said. "Let me play you the new Gershwin's."

It was at this puncture that I began to have respect for the hotness of a lack of sense. After all, Gershwin is a rival of my husband's and in some folks' opinion, a worthy one. However, Ben had a word of praise for

"each record as it ended and did not even hint that any of the tunes were based on melodies of his own."

"Mr. Drake," said our host at length, "would you like a gin cocktail—or a Bacardi?"

"I don't like Bacardi at all," said Ben.

"I'll bet you will like the kind I've got," said Mr. Thayer. "It was brought to me by a friend of mine who just got back from Cuba. It's the real stuff!"

"I don't like Bacardi," said Ben.

"Wait till you taste this," said Mr. Thayer.

"I don't," we had Bacardi cocktails. I drank mine and it wasn't so good. Ben took a sip of his and pretended it was all right. But he had told the truth when he said he didn't like Bacardi.

I won't go into details regarding the dinner except to relate that three separate items were highly favoured with cheese, and Ben was a cheese man.

"I'll bet you like cheese," said Mr. Drake." asked Mr. Thayer, noticing that Ben was not exactly biding his food.

"No," replied the guest of honour.

"He's spoofing you, Ralph," said Mr. Thayer. "Everybody likes cheese."

Ben ate and Ben enjoyed

Ren was coded, and Ben managed to guide her up before it was decorated with pure cream.

We sat down to bridge.

"Do you like to play families or divorce up?"

"Oh, we like to play together," said Ren.

"I'll bet you don't," said Mrs. Thayer.

"Suppose Ralph and I play families and you and I play divorce for husbands and wives to criticize partners. They're likely to criticize one another and say things that leave a scar."

Well, Mr. Thayer and I played against Ben and Mrs. Thayer and I counted sixty cents at a tenth of a cent a point. Long before the evening was over, I could readily see why Mrs. Thayer thought it was a mistake to play with her husband and if it had been possible I'd have left him a complete set of scars.

Just as we were getting to sleep, Mrs. Thayer knocked on our door.

"I'm afraid you haven't covered enough," she called. "There are extra cards on the shelf in your closet."

"Thank you," I said. "We're as warm as toast."

"I'm afraid you aren't," said Mrs. Thayer.

"I'll check the door," said Ben, before she comes in and feels our feet.

All through breakfast next morning we were waited in vain for the telephone call that would bring news of Ren's recovery. But when the night came and Mrs. Thayer said that she was tired and that she was asleep, but we couldn't sleep, Mrs. Thayer said:

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ever have woundings or lacerations?" She looked frightened. "Why, no, Doctor?"

"I had one not half an hour ago. Something told me that I positively must be in New York to-night. I don't know whether it's business or illness or what, but I've just got to be there!"

"That's the strangest thing I ever heard of," said Mrs. Thayer. "It scares me to death!"

"It's nothing you need be scared of," said Ben. "It only concerns me." "Yes," but Helen," said Mrs. Thayer. "A telegram came for you breaking time this morning. I want to go to tell you about it because I had promised that you wouldn't be disturbed. And it didn't seem so terribly important. But this hunch of yours puts that matter in a different light. I'm sorry now that I didn't give you the message when I got it, but I remembered it and I'm happy to send it now."

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The Premier of Prussia, General Goering, commuted to life imprisonment, the sentences of death passed on seven other Communists for complicity.—Reuter.

KING HOLDS LEVEE AT ST. JAMES'.

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Band.

London, To-day.
King held a levee at Saint James' Palace yesterday.

His Majesty drove in state carriage from Buckingham Palace, accompanied by an escort of Royal Horse Guards.

His Majesty and all present wore mourning bands for the late Queen Mother of the Netherlands.—British Wireless Service.

ADMINISTRATION DEFEATED

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AMENDMENTS WILL EXCEED BUDGET.

Roosevelt's Lengthy
Message.

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In a 3,000-word message, President Roosevelt explained that the amendments to the Independent Offices Appropriation Bill made in the Bill would exceed the Budget by U.S.\$228,000,000, that it was true that the Government was dispensing millions daily for emergency purposes, but that such funds were saving homes and employing millions and were non-recurring, while the Bill's increases were continuing permanent.

He reiterated the principle that he was willing to care for every veteran actually disabled in the war, but would not grant special benefits for veterans disabled after the war.

The House, however, disagreed, and mustered more than a two-thirds majority to override the Congresses first rebuke to President Roosevelt.—United Press, per S. C. Gold Bar Co.

HOME FLEET AT DEVONPORT.

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ASSEMBLY ON JULY 19.

London, To-day.

Ships of the Home fleet returned from their Spring cruises yesterday, and, headed by the battleships "Malaya" and "Rodney," steamed into Devonport during the morning.

The whole fleet will assemble at Torbay on July 19.

The battleship "Nelson" also reached Portsmouth from Gibraltar yesterday. Aboard her were their Lordships of the Admiralty, who had been present at the exercises of the combined fleets.

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TOWN PLANNING SCHEME IN LONDON

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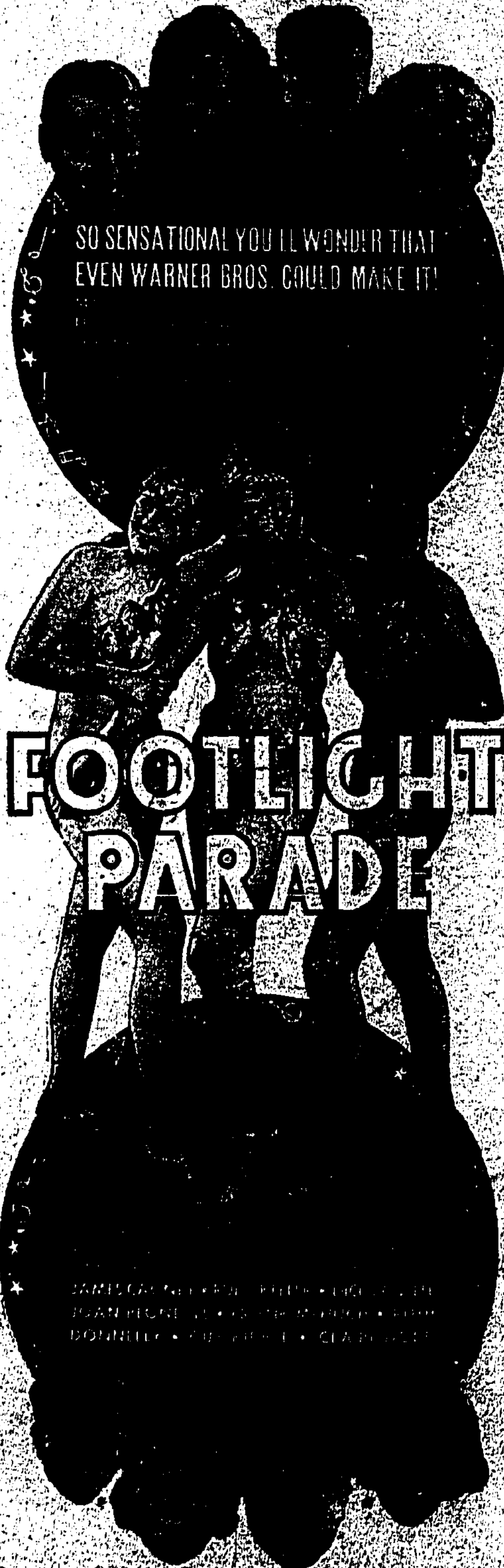
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